

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 14, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The State of Israel is America's greatest ally. There has never been a time when robust support for the continued existence of the state of Israel is more necessary, not only for its very survival, but for the national security interests of our own nation.

As you have pursued a demonstrably counterproductive appeasement strategy, Iran has become increasingly empowered. Israeli, US, and regional security have been proportionally compromised. During active negotiations, Iran has done the following:

- Continued its pursuit of nuclear weapons, with uranium particles found by IAEA inspectors enriched up to 83.7 percent at Iran's Fordow site;
- Provided Moscow with Mohajer, Arash-1, Arash-2, Shahed 131 and Shahad 136 drones and missiles, directly undermining United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231;<sup>1</sup>
- Proceeded planning a continuous land bridge stretching from Tehran, to Baghdad, to Damascus, to Beirut, and all the way to the Mediterranean coast;
- Maintained 150,000 rockets staring down at Israel from its borders in Lebanon and Syria – many of these have been converted to precision-guided munitions that can strategically be employed to fatally damage Israel's civilian and military infrastructure; and
- Provisioned direct support for Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad in the Judea and Samaria Area.

While your Administration has worked tirelessly to ignore these developments and surrender all negotiating leverage to the Iranians, a small but vocal contingent of the U.S. Congress (i.e., the Hamas Caucus) continues to insinuate that we also ought to diminish our nation's support for Israel.<sup>2</sup> In April, as some of these colleagues were implicitly making the case for cutting back support, the commander of the Quds Force (Esmail Qaani) held meetings with Hamas, the

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<sup>1</sup> (2015). *Resolution 2231 (2015) on Iran Nuclear Issue Security Council*. United Nations.  
<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/2231/background>

<sup>2</sup> <https://twitter.com/RepBowman/status/1646689097224781824/photo/1>

Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and Hezbollah to incite attacks against Israeli targets. At the same time, Israel endured an onslaught of rockets from southern Lebanon.<sup>3</sup>

Israel is already enduring the consequences of your sorely misguided decision to placate Islamist extremists in Tehran. Acceding to the extremist voices in our Congress that wish to sever critical assistance for Israel will only embolden our nation's enemies and compromise regional security in the Middle East. We urge you, no later than **COB July 28, 2023**, to issue a public statement with the following points:

- Reject the Radical Left's calls to condition support for Israel:  
In years past, you've called our support for Israel "the best three billion dollar investment we make"<sup>4</sup> and that your commitment to Israel's survival is "unshakeable". You've also opposed any cut or conditioning of aid to Israel, calling it "outrageous."<sup>5</sup> The April 13, 2023 letter you received from far Left Members of Congress works at cross purposes with prior statements you've made.
- Resurrect the Palestinian Affairs Unit: During your tenure, you dispensed with the Palestinian Affairs Unit, which reported to the US Ambassador to Israel, and replaced it with the Office of Palestinian Affairs, which reports directly to the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs in the Department of State. Members remain concerned that this step, along with the decision to name a Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs, creates confusion regarding our relationship with the Palestinians. Both steps represent efforts to eventually move closer to recognition of a non-existent Palestinian state and only serve to increase the risk of regional instability.
- Abandon Negotiations with Iran: It is time for the Biden Administration to acknowledge something that anybody outside of a 20-mile radius of Washington, D.C. has long since understood: negotiating with the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism is a recipe for chaos and only serves to compromise the sovereignty of Israel and our own national security interests.

We look forward to your response.

Very Respectfully,



Andy Ogles  
Member of Congress




Diana Harshbarger  
Member of Congress

<sup>3</sup> Said, S., & Faucon, B. (2023, April 14). *WSJ News exclusive | Iran is recruiting militant allies to launch attacks against Israel*. The Wall Street Journal. Retrieved April 17, 2023, from <https://www.wsj.com/articles/iran-is-recruiting-militant-allies-to-launch-attacks-against-israel-c40f369f>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYLNCcLfkM>

<sup>5</sup> Times of Israel Staff (2019, November 1). *Biden: 'Outrageous' to leverage aid to Israel against settlement expansion*. The Times of Israel. Retrieved April 17, 2023, from <https://www.timesofisrael.com/biden-conditioning-aid-to-israel-would-be-absolutely-outrageous/>



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